

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 28 and ending on page 25, line 4, with the following:

" The vascular prosthesis of figure 7 was also shown in figure 6B and comprises a flexible tubular body with a main leg 45 between the free ends of which at least one and in this case two side legs 46 extend. The free ends of the main leg are herein provided with an internal annular body 10 forming part of the suturing means of the type of figures 5A and 5B which lies on an outer wall of the prosthesis. Both side legs are provided on their ends with coupling means ~~[[70]]~~90 which are capable of an at least practically liquid-tight rapid coupling to a free end of a second flexible tubular body 80 of a second vascular prosthesis. "

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 25, line 25 and ending on page 26, line 10, with the following:

" The modular embodiment of the vascular prosthesis shown in figure 7 is extremely suitable for a double end-to-end or end-to-side anastomosis wherein an incision is made in a main blood vessel for introducing therein of the main leg 45 of the prosthesis. Main leg 45 is subsequently sutured in the main blood vessel as described with reference to figures 6A and 6B, and clamped by means of two external annular bodies 20. Side legs 46 can then each be coupled to an end of a further blood vessel. For this purpose use is made of intermediate prostheses, for instance of the type shown in figure 9. These prostheses each comprise a free end and an internal annular body 10 on the other end for suturing to a blood vessel end and form a further module of the prosthesis system. Once both intermediate prostheses, after optionally being shortened to a desired length, are connected to the blood vessel end, the free end is pushed over coupling element ~~[[70]]~~90 to thus complete a double end-

to-side anastomosis. The prosthesis of figure 9 can otherwise also be deployed per se for a simple end-to-end anastomosis wherein the one end is connected to a first blood vessel end and the free end, with or without interposing of a comparable prosthesis provided with coupling means, is coupled to a second end of the blood vessel. In a variation of this prosthesis (module), the free end is provided with coupling means, which enables a linear extension of free-ending vascular prostheses. "